

**UNITED STATES DISTRICT COURT
FOR THE
DISTRICT OF MAINE**

CALVARY CHAPEL OF BANGOR,

Plaintiff,

v.

JANET MILLS, in her official capacity as the
Governor of the State of Maine,

Defendant.

CIVIL ACTION NO.: 1:20-cv-00156-NT

**DEFENDANT’S ASSENTED-TO MOTION TO
STAY FURTHER PROCEEDINGS PENDING APPEAL**

Defendant respectfully requests that further proceedings in this Court be stayed pending a further order or guidance from the First Circuit in Plaintiff’s appeal of this Court’s order denying Plaintiff’s Motion for a Temporary Restraining Order. In support, Defendant states as follows:

1. At issue in this case is the constitutionality of the Governor’s executive order limiting gatherings in light of the COVID-19 pandemic as it relates to the Plaintiff’s ability to conduct religious activities.
2. On May 5, 2020, Plaintiff filed a Motion for a Temporary Restraining Order (TRO) seeking to enjoin enforcement of the gathering restrictions in the Governor’s executive order.
3. On May 9, 2020, following an expedited response from Defendant, the Court entered an order denying the TRO.
4. Also on May 9, 2020, Plaintiff filed a Notice of Appeal to the United States Court of Appeals for the First Circuit of this Court’s order denying the TRO.

5. Plaintiff subsequently sought an injunction pending appeal from this Court, which was denied on May 15, 2020. Plaintiff is currently seeking an injunction pending appeal from the First Circuit.
6. “[T]he First Circuit's response to the interlocutory appeal is likely to inform the future handling of the case, and may well affect the nature and scope of discovery.” *Bruns v. Mayhew*, No. 1:12-CV-00131-JAW, 2013 WL 12234023, at *2 (D. Me. May 24, 2013). Potential guidance from the First Circuit may also “assist[] the expeditious and cost-effective resolution of this lawsuit.” *Id.*
7. Plaintiff has no objection to further proceedings in this Court being stayed pending a further order or guidance from the First Circuit.

Wherefore, the Defendant respectfully requests that further proceedings in this Court be stayed pending a further order or guidance from the First Circuit in Plaintiff's appeal.

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